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RULES

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MEDICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

North,

FOR THE REGULATION

OF THEIR

FEES.

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THE difficulty experienced by the public, in estimating the reasonable compensation of medical aid in this country, has long been a subject of general observation and complaint. With the view of obviating this inconvenience, the MEDICAL SOCIETY of the NORTH, at their anniversary held at Inverness 27th April, 1818, after mature deliberation and discussion, unanimously adopted the following regulations.

Medical fees have invariably been regulated by apparent wealth, hence the division of the community into classes, and the latitude in the charges applicable to each must appear obvious.

These regulations, are by no means intended to confine the liberality of the higher classes, in

particular cases, nor to preclude the humanity of the practitioner towards the lower. The sums stated however, are to be considered as an average for each class, altho' from the difficulty of framing rules applicable to every case, or the circumstances of every individual, any intermediate sum be taken.

They trust that while a discretionary power is still retained, the following regulations will so guide the judgment of the parties, as to prevent the embarrassment hitherto experienced from arbitrary adjustments.

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REGULATIONS.

VISITS IN TOWN.

Single Visits in Town during the Day.

Higher Class,	L. 0 10 6
Second ditto,	0 7 6
Third ditto,	0 5 0
Fourth ditto,	0 2 6

Visits in Town during the Week.

Higher Class,	L. 3 3 0
Second ditto,	2 2 0
Third ditto,	1 1 0
Fourth ditto,	0 5 0

The fee for visits during the ordinary hours of rest, to be doubled. The fees for attendance in the suburbs to be higher in proportion to the distance; and the fees for attendance in chronic diseases, to be one half those in acute.

VISITS TO THE COUNTRY.

For any distance not exceeding 4 miles.

Higher Class,	L. 2	2	0
Second ditto,	1	1	0
Third and Fourth ditto, .	0	10	6

For any distance exceeding 4 miles.

Higher Class per mile, .	L. 0	5	0
Second ditto,	0	4	0
Third ditto,	0	3	0
Fourth ditto,	0	2	6

These charges are to be considered as exclusive of chaise or horse hire, and incidental expense when this is necessary, and they are to be doubled during the ordinary hours of rest. An additional charge of half the fee for visits by express; and transient calls by desire to be charged as for visits in town.

DETENTION,

Either from the urgency of the case, or from the desire of the patient or friends.

For every hour after the first

Higher Class, . . .	L. 0	10	6 to 5s.
Second ditto, . . .	0	7	6 to 4s.
Third ditto,	0	5	0 to 2s. 6d.
Fourth ditto,	0	2	0 to 1s.

During the course of a night.

Higher Class,	L. 3	3	0
Second ditto,	2	2	0
Third ditto,	1	1	0
Fourth ditto,	0	10	6

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.

At the Practitioner's House.

Higher Class,	L. 1	1	0
Second ditto,	0	10	6
Third ditto,	0	5	0
Fourth ditto,	0	2	6

Consultations.

Higher Class,	L. 1	1	0
Second ditto,	0	10	6
Third ditto,	0	5	0
Fourth ditto,	0	2	6

Consultations by letter, same as professional advice at the practitioner's house, 10s. 6d. to L.1 1s and upwards.

Statement of Cases for Consultation.

Higher Class,	L. 3	3	0
Second ditto,	2	2	0
Third ditto,	0	10	6
Fourth ditto,	0	5	0

Granting Certificates of Health

Higher Class,	L. 1	1	0
Second ditto,	0	10	6
Third ditto,	0	5	0
Fourth ditto,	0	2	6

SURGERY OPERATIONS.

For the greater operations, as amputation, lithotomy, hernia, extirpation of mammæ, aneurism, trepanning and the like.

Higher Class,	L. 21	0	0
Second ditto,	15	15	0
Third ditto,	6	6	0
Fourth ditto,	2	2	0

Lesser operations as for harelip, tapping, hydrocele and the like.

Higher Class,	L. 5	5	0
Second ditto,	3	3	0
Third ditto,	2	2	0
Fourth ditto,	1	1	0

The dressing to be exclusive of the operations.

LUXATIONS.

Reducing Luxation of the hip-joint.

Higher Class,	L. 6	6	0
Second ditto,	4	4	0
Third ditto,	2	2	0
Fourth ditto, L. 1	1	0 to 0	10 6

Reducing Luxations of the lower jaw, shoulder, elbow, wrist, or ankle.

Higher Class,	L. 4	4	0
Second ditto,	2	12	6
Third ditto,	1	1	0
Fourth ditto,	0	10	6

Fractures, the same as luxations, exclusive of dressing, medicine and attendance. Examination in cases of accident, where no operation or attendance is required, same as consultation.

DRESSING.

Dressing wounds.

Higher Class,	L. 0	10	6
Second ditto,	0	7	6
Third ditto,	0	5	0
Fourth ditto,	0	2	6

Dressing ulcers, as after extensive wounds, operations, gangrene, or the like.

Higher Class per week, .	L. 2	2	0
Second ditto,	1	11	6
Third ditto,	1	1	0
Fourth ditto,	0	7	6

These charges to be considered as independent of attendance and the dressings requisite.

VACCINATION.

Higher Class,	L.	1	1	0
Second ditto,		0	15	0
Third ditto,		0	7	6
Fourth ditto,		0	5	0

INSERTION OF SETONS AND ISSUES.---CUPPING, SCARRIFYING, &c.

Higher Class,	L.	1	1	0
Second ditto,		0	10	6
Third ditto,		0	5	0
Fourth ditto,		0	2	6

EXTRACTION OF TEETH.

Higher Class,	L.	1	1	0
Second ditto,		0	10	6
Third ditto,		0	5	0
Fourth ditto,		0	2	6

BLOOD-LETTING.

Higher Class,	L.	0	10	6
Second ditto,		0	7	6
Third ditto,		0	5	0
Fourth ditto,		0	2	6

MIDWIFERY.

For Delivery;

Higher Class,	L.	10	10	0
Second ditto,		5	5	0
Third ditto,		3	3	0
Fourth ditto		1	1	0

Attendance after delivery during the night.

Higher Class, - - - - -	L.	4	4	0
Second ditto, - - - - -		3	3	0
Third ditto, - - - - -		2	2	0
Fourth ditto, - - - - -		1	1	0

Attendance after delivery during the day.

Higher Class, - - - - -	L.	3	3	0
Second ditto, - - - - -		2	2	0
Third ditto, - - - - -		1	1	0
Fourth ditto, - - - - -		0	10	6

Consultation with the Midwife.

Higher Class, - - - - -	L.	3	3	0
Second ditto, - - - - -		2	2	0
Third ditto, - - - - -		1	1	0
Fourth ditto, - - - - -		0	10	6

Attendance with the midwife to be charged same as for delivery.

WRAPPING IN A CERE-CLOTH

From Ten to Thirty Guineas.

APPRENTICE FEES

For the term of three years and upwards from Twenty to Thirty Guineas.

AGREEMENTS BY THE YEAR.

To be regulated by the parties.

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